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1.	गुजरात	4343.21	981.16	2245.58	726.61
2.	महाराष्ट्र	17464.11	2239.24	7087.49	1379.15
3.	राजस्थान	13123.90	2555.69	3458.97	806.23
4.	मध्य प्रदेश	19643.25	4956.00	9859.37	3089.03

Tourism Counter at IGIA

2777. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News-item appearing in "Hindu" dated 9th November, 1998 under the caption "Tourism Counter at IGIA run by touts";

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry in the matter; and

(c) if so, how far the facts stated in the news-item are true and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued license to M/s Punjab Tourism Development Corporation, a state Government undertaking for the "Tourism Counter" at IGI Airport. A complaint hs been received by AAI that PTDC has leased it out to a Patiala based private transport Co. and the matter is being investigated. AAI proposes to take action against PTDC in case there is any violation of the terms & conditions of the license agreement.

Route of Amarnath Through Baltal

2778 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alternate route to Amarnath through Baltal reduces the travel time from three days to just four-five hours and around one fourth pilgrims used it this year;

(b) the steps taken so far or proposed to be taken by Government to develop this dangerously narrow mountainous track, which has been opened this year after a gap of nine years;

(c) the steps taken so far to involve the participation of voluntary organisations and NRIs to improve the tourism facilities, that could benefit the village families enroute through employment and trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) (a) Yes, Sir. The travel time between Baltal and Amarnath (to and fro) gets reduced to one day approximately even though some people take a little longer. During the 1998 Amarnath Yatra, as many as 39084 yatris out of a total of 1,49,920 Yatris used this route.